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25X1 2. Bacilek [] is now Minister of National Security of the Communist Government in Czechoslovakia []

25X1 [] A mechanic by trade, he worked in the steel industry in Prague until the outbreak of World War I. He served as a soldier in Slovakia and after the war, remained there from 1919-30. He worked as a railroad employee in Vrutky. When the Communist Party was established in Slovakia, he became a permanent member. He was Chairman of the Party in Zilina and, later, Secretary for the whole of Slovakia with headquarters in Bratislava. He was trained in Moscow during the years 1930 and 1931. In 1939, he fled to the USSR where he worked in the Tractor Factory in Stalingrad.

3. During World War II, Bacilek received further Communist training and twice - in 1940 and again in 1944 - he was sent to Slovakia to organize Communist activities. After World War II, he again assumed his duties as Secretary of the Communist Party in Slovakia. Since 1945, he has been a Communist Party member of the Czechoslovak Parliament. In 1949, he became Commissioner of Slovak railroads. In April 1950, he was made Chairman of the Slovak Board of Commissioners. In September 1951, he was nominated Minister of Economic Control. []

25X1 Note: Department of State [] lists no such Ministry but does list Karol Bacilek as Minister of State Controls, appointed 10 Sep 51.

4. The Ministry of Economic Control was established on 7 Sep 51 by the Government for the purpose of controlling all economic life in Czechoslovakia. Bacilek, as its first Minister, declared that the purpose of this Ministry was to fight against remnants of the old Capitalistic system and against those people trying to block the road to Communism.

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5. A so-called Department of Complaints was established within this Ministry. Here, working people could personally, or in writing or by phone, make complaints concerning bad economic conditions, waste of materials, etc. Once each week, Bacilek was personally available to accept such complaints. Actually, this is another spy system. There was an official announcement that informers would not be prosecuted.
6. The address of the Ministry of Economic Control is Smichov, Holeckova 31, Prague.
7. In January 1952, Bacilek succeeded Kopriva, Ladislav, as Minister of National Security, and, as such, is the brutal chief of the newly organized Communist police. His aim is to build the Communist police force along the Soviet pattern. Police departments were greatly enlarged and he built "mixed divisions of frontier guards, state police and peoples' militia", which divisions guard the western frontier of Czechoslovakia. In compliance with his orders, families considered unreliable were moved from the frontier area. He ordered persecution of relatives of refugees, regardless of whether or not those who had escaped had taken an active part in the fight against Communism. He is a confirmed Communist and willing tool of Moscow.

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